

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

~~The present invention relates to the following co-pending commonly owned U.S. patent applications:~~ This application is related to the following commonly-owned co-pending patent applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING DUAL EVALUATION SCHEME," Serial No. 09/687,689, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-474, ~~now pending~~; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING TRANSFORMABLE WILD SYMBOLS OR CARDS WITH WILD SIGNAL INDICATORS," Serial No. 09/957,305, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-734, ~~now pending~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,780,109; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING WILD INDICATORS," Serial No. 09/960,883, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-738, ~~now pending~~; "GAMING DEVICE WITH WILD ACTIVATION SYMBOLS AND WILD TERMINATION SYMBOLS," Serial No. 09/964,102, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-739, ~~now pending~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,805,349; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A VARIED WILD SYMBOL IN A BONUS GAME," Serial No. 10/243,512, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-755, ~~now pending~~; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING RESULTANT WILD SYMBOLS," Serial No. 10/191,154, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-1014, ~~now pending~~; and "GAMING DEVICE HAVING EXTENDER SYMBOLS," Serial No. 10/191,197, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-1015, ~~now pending~~; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A PROBABILITY ENHANCING TRIGGER SYMBOL," Serial No. 10/241,255, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-1061; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A PROBABILITY-ENHANCING TRIGGER SYMBOL," Serial No. 10/661,443, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-1536; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A FREE SPIN GAME," Serial No. 10/953,812, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-2278; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING TRANSFORMABLE WILD SYMBOLS OR CARDS WITH WILD SIGNAL INDICATORS," Serial No. 10/920,798, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-2554; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING WILD INDICATORS," Serial No. 11/015,842, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-2593; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING WILD INDICATORS," Serial No. 10/982,096, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-2618; and "GAMING DEVICE WITH WILD ACTIVATION SYMBOLS AND WILD TERMINATION SYMBOLS," Serial No. 10/966,223, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-2629.